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THE DISCUSSIONS AT CANNES.

Reparations Decision not yet Reached.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cannes, January 8.

It now seems clear, despite earlier optimistic statements, that the Supreme Council has not reached definite conclusions in regard to the German payments.

How Much Can Germany Pay?

Paris, January 8.

The Supreme Council discussed reparations and guarantees in the case of a postsumption being granted to Germany for the several instalments due during the current year.

The British delegates are ready to claim only sixty to seventy million gold marks out of the 500 that they consider should be demanded from Germany for 1922. Their Belgian and French colleagues think that Germany is in a position to pay double that sum. As soon as agreement has been reached by the Council, M. Briand will summon to Cannes the German delegations.—Havre.

Notification to Germany Concerning Delegates.

Berlin, January 8.

The French Embassy has communicated a Note signed by M. Briand addressed to the Imperial Chancellor saying that the Supreme Council will doubtless require to hear German representatives during the coming week, and suggesting that, in order to save time, German representatives should proceed to Paris and remain there in readiness to comply with the Allies' summons.

Is a Franco-British Alliance Imminent?

Later.

Sunday was devoted to informal conversations. The financial experts discussed the question of guarantees, also a financial commission to control Germany, while Sir Worthington Evans, Sir Robert Horne, and Mr. Blackett conferred with a certain foreign Finance Minister, whose identity is jealously guarded.

British circles are satisfied from the opening conversation that the principal topic behind the scenes at the conference is the question of a Franco-British alliance replacing the tripartite pact in the Treaty of Versailles. Although nothing can yet be mentioned concerning this, it is reliably learned that discussions are actually proceeding.

Later.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand re-conferred this evening, discussing, *inter alia*, Anglo-French relations.

As regards the talk of an Anglo-French alliance the British viewpoint that what is wanted is a European agreement guaranteeing peace on the lines of the Pacific pact. France seeks additionally definite guarantees against German aggression. Both sides are anxious to settle all differences with a view to the avoidance of misunderstandings.

As regards reparations, it is now proposed that Germany pay £55,000,000 in cash and £87,000,000 in kind, making £142,000,000, namely, £28,000,000 less than originally arranged, she is also to pay £12,000,000 for the armies of occupation. Britain is ready to forego £7,000,000.

Respecting occupation forces, the conditions to be imposed on Germany included the collection of Customs on a gold basis, an increase in railway and postal rates and in the price of coal, the restriction of paper money, balancing the Budget, and currency reform.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Prohibition of Poison-Gas.

Washington, January 8.

M. Sarraut, announcing France's adherence to the proposal to prohibit the use of poison-gas, opined that the use of this weapon in banning the use of gas generally did not seem practical.

Mr. Balfour pointed out that the agreement would not force the nations from the necessity of guarding against the use of gas by an unscrupulous enemy.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

RAN THE GAUNTLET.

Motor Boat's Experience.

Our Canton correspondent, writing to-day, tells of the experiences of a motor-boat, the Yuet Wo, the Chinese master of which decided to run the gauntlet of the river, now infested with pirates and bandits. The boat left Nanning on the 6th, carrying 50 passengers and a full load of cargo. The cargo was piled high on the two sides, in order to afford protection to the passengers and crew. When the little boat reached a point about ten miles below Kowchow she was heavily fired on by bandits from the bank. Some of the bullets pierced right through the cargo, three passengers being killed and two seriously wounded. After an exciting trip, made in extremely fast time, the motor boat arrived at Wuchow. On examination over 1,000 bullet marks were found on the cargo and sides of the boat.

Further news to hand to-day states that the Civil Governor of Kwangsi has divided the province into ten sections, each with a special military commander to persuade the bandits to surrender on suitable terms.

The 2nd battalion of the 2nd Division, now on its way to Yenchung for the Northern expedition, was attacked, en route, by bandits.

STAFF DINNER.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.

A most enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday by the staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company who entertained themselves and their friends to dinner at the Hongkong Hotel. "Lane, Crawford Mess" has a history all its own and it was with the idea of recalling past friendships and functions that Saturday's gathering was held. Over thirty sat down to an excellent dinner, Mr. E. J. Ainslie being in the chair and Mr. G. W. Avenell, being in the vice-chair.

At the conclusion of the dinner the health of "Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co." was heartily honoured on the call of the Chairman, who referred to the prosperity of the firm and the fact that it gave the members of the staff the greatest pleasure to entertain their old friends.

Mr. Avenell gave "Our Guests" to which Mr. V. C. Labrum and Mr. George Disbrow (who spoke of being present at a Mess dinner in 1881) responded.

RUGBY MATCH.

Navy Defeat the Club.

Considerable interest was displayed in the rugby match which took place on Saturday afternoon on the Club ground, the Navy proving winners by 14 points to nil.

It was generally expected that the Navy—the best team in the Colony—would win, but the Club put up a surprisingly good game and, with a little luck, would have scored on two occasions in the first half. Soon after the start of the game, the Navy scored a try (unconverted) and a little later added a further five points, the converting kick being deservedly applauded. The Navy forwards were a much heavier pack, the halves and threequarters also being smarter than the Club's men.

By dint of game play, the Club carried the ball down to their opponents' end and twice crossed the line, the ball being "saved" on one occasion and on the second the Club's winger, who made a splendid run, having the misfortune to carry the ball just out of "touch" on his way down. Half time saw the Navy leading by 8 points to nil.

The second half was much more evenly contested, play working up and down the two touch lines a good deal. Two unconverted tries were added by the Navy, both being due to the heavier weight of the Navy's pack rather than to any brilliant work. The Club were deservedly complimented for the strenuous game they put up—the fastest and best seen this year. As stated above, a little more luck and they would have come near to equalising.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE NEW G.O.C.

Singapore, Jan. 7.

Major-General Sir John Fowler leaves Singapore for Hongkong with Lady and the Misses Fowler on Monday by the s.s. Himalaya. The Himalaya is also bringing the Liverpool Regiment, which is to relieve the Wilhelms in the Hongkong garrison.

THE SAILORS' FIGHT AT SHANGHAI.

Proceedings at Inquest.

An investigation was held by officers of U.S. men-of-war at Shanghai on the 3rd inst. to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of J. E. Rieby, 2nd class engineman, who died as a result of a knife wound sustained in the desperate encounter between Italian and American bluejackets in Hongkong on New Year's day.

After an altercation at the Victoria Bar, where apparently some women were concerned, the Italians obtained reinforcements and found another party of U.S. sailors at the Tivoli Bar. The Italians called for drinks. At a given signal knives flashed and while one of the number had secured the door a furious assault was made on the Americans, the combatants numbering altogether about 70. Fortunately most of them were wearing their thick rubber coats, otherwise the casualties must have been far more numerous. Worse scenes ensued, revolver shots ringing out during the onslaught. Eventually the foreign police appeared, broke open the door, and restored order. Had their coming been delayed much longer, there must have been a terrible tragedy.

A post-mortem held on the deceased engineman, Rieby, showed a terrible wound just below the heart. Two other Americans, who were severely injured, are progressing favourably.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Tourist Party on T.K.K. Liner.

The T. K. K. steamer Taiyo Maru is again in the harbour and has brought a big number of passengers. No fewer than 84 are for Hongkong and there are, of course, the usual big number of steerage passengers.

On board is a tourist party which is different from others that have visited the Far East in that it will pay special attention to religious institutions. It is composed of 11 persons under the direction of Reverend J. C. Worley of California, with his wife.

One of the members of the party is Dr. W. E. Daniels, president of the American Medical Association and at one time head of the state medical examining board of South Dakota. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Other members of the party are Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Dais of Indiana, Mrs. G. H. Weller of California, Mrs. E. J. Bartlett, Mrs. E. A. Jackson and Mr. Geo. L. Andrews of the same state. Another passenger was W. E. Smith of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, who is returning to Canton from a visit to his home in London.

Mr. J. Gruno of the Gruno Tobacco Company of Holland is another through passenger on the Taiyo. Mr. Gruno is on a pleasure trip around the world, having come from Peking.

Others are Mr. G. L. Andrews of the American Bible Society who is on a business trip; Mr. E. B. Campbell from Shanghai where he is connected the Dupont company.

China Mail Steamers.

The China Mail steamer China, which arrived yesterday morning, had sixty-two first-class passengers on board.

The same company's steamer Nile left at 2 p.m. to-day for Singapore and Batavia with cabin and steerage accommodation fully taken up.

Amongst the passengers travelling by her are Mr. S. J. Johnston, auditor for the Standard Oil Company of New York who is proceeding to Java on the Company's business; Captain H. H. Green and Mr. and Mrs. E. Everett who are proceeding to Singapore; also a big number of through passengers from San Francisco who are going to Singapore and Java.

The Suwa Maru.

Amongst the 37 first-class passengers who arrived this morning by the N.Y.K. steamer, Suwa Maru, were—

Mr. Ho Fook and the Misses Ho who have been on a trip up North.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Ohaka and two children. Mr. Ohaka is the new sub-manager of the N.Y.K. in Hongkong.

Mr. J. G. Todd, ex-manager of the N.Y.K. in New York.

A Newcomer.

Messrs. Nemaze's latest acquisition, the Historian, from Cardiff with coal, arrived on January 6 at noon and was in quarantine until 7 p.m. on the 7th. Captain Watkins is in charge. The Historian, though new to these waters, is not a new vessel; she was built in 1896.

Accident on Board.

The Hai Loong which arrived from Foochow and Swatow on Saturday reports that she left one of the crew at Swatow. He sustained a simple fracture of the femur on January 3rd while on the voyage from Foochow to Swatow.

Passed The Canal.

Latest Blue Funnel steamers to pass the Canal, bound for Singapore, are—Phonix, December 22, Theodosia December 30 and Demodocus January 4.

A Harbour Chase.

The story of an early morning harbour chase was told this morning when the master of the steam launch, Chi Wo, was charged at the Marine Court, before Commander C. W. Beckwith R.N., with (a) failing to stop his launch when called upon to do so by a police officer at 1:30 a.m. on December 28 and (b) failing to produce his license when called upon to do so by a police officer. Defendant pleaded not guilty, but H. Langley L. S. A. 36, stated

DOCKYARD RECREATION CLUB.

Annual Party.

The Dockyard Recreation Club held their annual party in the ballroom of the Naval Yard, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, on Saturday. There was a large number present, including Commodore and Mrs. Bowden-Smith, Commander W. R. Preston, Engr. Capt. A. P. Ferguson, Engr. Comdr. Samson and Mrs. Samson, Comdr. Butler, Lt. Hearn, Lt. White, Rev. H. S. Crole-Rees, and Mrs. Lowe, Mr. Church, Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Salter and Mr. and Mrs. Steel.

All sorts of amusements for the kiddies were provided—swings, shoots, aerial-railway and other fun—and praise is due to Messrs. Budden and Luck who worked so hard to see that the youngsters had a good time. Messrs. Wilson, Smith and Spanton as "Sapolio and his pair of restless steeds" caused considerable amusement and their funny antics were much enjoyed by the youthful merry-makers.

A hard working and enthusiastic committee of ladies, Messdames Sandford, Budden, Bickford, Brock, Spanton, Luck, and Johnston provided tea and they were amply compensated by the happy smiling faces of the youngsters, doing justice to the good fare before them.

After tea, a performance was given by the children, who exhibited fine form and excellent talent. Songs and recitations were successfully rendered by the Misses Bersey, Gill, Budden, Spanton, Cowan, Crocker and Masters—Hill, Bersey, Bickford and Crocker. An excellent rendering of the Hornpipe was given by Master Francis Lewis and a concerted item by a party of five girls and five boys. "What are Little Boys made of" caused much amusement. Mrs. Luck accompanied the children on the piano during the performance. A pleasing tableau was given by Commander W. Preston, in the role of Father Xmas, and Mr. H. Wilson (Sapolio) as the "Sleeping Child". The tempestuous with a few well chosen words wished all present the season's compliments, after which he presented the prizes to the children. After the presentation three hearty cheers accompanied by the "tiger" were given for Father Xmas and the Committee. Mr. Sandford (General Secretary) then offered a hearty vote of thanks to the Social Committee, Messrs. Cassidy (Secretary), Budden, Luck, Brock, Vosper, Reedy and Allen, who are to be highly congratulated on the success with which the whole of the proceedings were carried out.

Later a dance was held and many members, their wives and friends turned up in force and tested the capacity of the floor to the utmost. Between the dances, songs, duets, and monologues were rendered by Miss Brock, Messrs. Cawsey, Brock and Wilson. The duties of M. C. were carried out by Mr. A. Brock, assisted by Mr. H. Budden.

that on the date in question he saw the defendant's launch coming into the harbour through Sulphur Channel. He called to her and kept on calling by blowing four blasts. All the time approaching. He then fired a rifle and kept blowing blasts. Finally the launch stopped and witness boarded her. He found no licence on board. The coxswain stated that he had not heard the police launch whistle. There was practically no wind and he was within 300 yards of the launch.

Defendant denied hearing either the whistle or the rifle. The Magistrate gave him the benefit of the doubt on the first charge, but a previous conviction was recorded against him and he was fined \$20 with the alternative of one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

In Wireless Communication.

The following vessels were in wireless communication with the port at 2:30 p.m. to-day—Japan, Torilla, City of Manchester, Keemun, Aki Maru and Arafura.

FUNERAL.

The Late Mr. H. W. Dick.

The funeral of the late Mr. H. W. Dick took place at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon and was attended by a large number of business men of the Colony. Covered with a profusion of beautiful wreaths the hearse was immediately followed by the chief mourners, Messrs. J. A. E. Bullock (cousin of the deceased), F. Smyth and G. W. Barton. Among others present were the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K. C., Messrs. C. G. Alabaster, H. P. White, G. P. Lammeri, T. E. Pearce, E. Cameron, J. Rogers, W. Logan, M. S. Northcote, Owen Hughes, J. Reid, W. Nicholson, W. H. Goshamp, Miss J. Robertson, A. R. Lowe, D. K. Blair, F. Sutton, G. M. Lakin, C. A. D. Melbourn, J. H. Scott, R. M. Dyer, M. E. F. Airey, C. A. Peel, R. A. Camidge, H. G. Shrubsole, H. G. Hegarty, A. Alves, D. L. W. Williams, H. H. Taylor, E. B. Reed, M. Mass, S. E. C. Ross, A. G. Coppin, W. Humphreys, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, G. H. Fells, H. R. B. Hancock, P. Tester, L. S. Greenhill, D. H. Cameron, W. G. Whitley, G. Morton Smith, E. Abraham, J. H. Brister, J. Bentley, S. T. Williamson, W. R. Mansfield, R. H. Douglas, E. Humphreys, E. L. Hosie, T. H. Brayfield, D. E. Clark, A. Denison and A. E. Wilkinson.

The interment service was performed by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle.

Among the wreaths sent were those from the following: Lucy Mary Dick (Mr. Dick's widow), Maud M. Dick (sister), Ronald Dick (son), Mr. Geoffrey Archibut (nephew), the Misses Bullock (cousins), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. T. Henry, Mr. W. Henry Bullock and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock (cousins), "Kathy and Emily (London), Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, Major L. Cassel, Chinese Staff of Messrs. Vernon and Smyth Company, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Dowling and Co., Ltd., Ellis and Co., Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, the Hongkong Philatelic Society, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Junior Mess), Hongkong Stock Exchange, Chartered Bank, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. Maxon and Taylor, Messrs. Vernon and Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. M. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, Miss B. E. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. C. Edgcombe, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Dunnett, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Coppin, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smyth, Messrs. H. H. J. Gompertz, D. L. W. Williams, H. P. White, L. M. Whyte, W. J. G. Whitley, J. B. Thomson, Ho Ki, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, P. Tester, F. Sutton, A. M. Stark, H. Percy Smith, H. C. Shrubsole, G. Morton Smith, P. M. N. da Silva, J. Reid, D. O. Russell, L. C. Parker, Bess, E. M. Raymond, J. H. Ramsay, P. C. Potts, I. S. Perry, C. A. Peel, T. G. Paterson, W. L. Pattenden, M. S. Northcote, M. M. Mass, W. Logan, W. R. Mansfield, H. A. Lammert, G. P. Lammert, J. Owen Hughes, J. Scott Harrison, J. D. Humphreys, J. H. Brister, Henry Humphreys, E. B. Reed, E. Hancock, Richard Hancock, E. Howard and R. A. Gubbay, L. S. Greenhill, J. H. C. Goodban, V. M. Grayburn, Fred Ellis, Felix M. Ellis, E. E. Ellis, Arthur S. Ellis, T. H. G. Brayfield, B. de Castro Basto, J. T. Begrip, H. M. Dyer, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Ho Wing, Douglas E. Clark, Geo. W. Barton, A. A. Alves, C. M. Alves, C. G. Adams and Ezra Abraham.

YACHTSMAN'S SPILL.

An Unlucky Investment.

Lance Sergeant Morton, the proud owner of the Elf, one of the tiny yachts sold out by the Victoria Recreation Club recently, had an unfortunate experience on Saturday whilst on an outing in his boat in the harbour.

The rudder of the yacht broke away and the first puff of wind that came immediately afterwards caught the sail and capsized the boat. Lance Sergeant Morton was thrown out, but being a fairly good swimmer, managed to keep himself afloat until picked up by a launch.

The passengers of the Star Ferry boat that passed the spot at the time were no little amused by the sight of Morton taking off the yacht cap which he still retained on his head to them as he kept afloat on his back. The yacht which remained afloat although overturned, was safely towed by the launch to the Praya. Except for a cold ducking, Lance Sergeant Morton was little the worse for his experience.

A RECORD CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Five Million Taels Above 1920.

Peking, Jan. 2.

The Maritime Customs revenue for 1921 amounts in round numbers to Hai-tsun taels 54,500,000 as the average exchange of 3/11 1/2, equal to £10,772,263, and shows an increase of Tls. 5,000,000 on the previous record collection, namely, in 1920, although it is to be noted that as the result of the drop in the average rate of exchange from 6/9 1/2 in 1920, the gold equivalent of the 1921 collection at the average exchange is over £5,000,000 less than 1920.

The following are round figures of the amounts collected at the principal ports:

Harbin—Hk. Tls. 1,381,300, an increase of 448,100.
Antung—Hk. Tls. 1,062,000, a decrease of 67,500.
Dairen—Hk. Tls. 4,959,000, an increase of 56,300.
Tientsin and Chinwangtao—Hk. Tls. 6,816,930, an increase of 1,320,800.
Kiaochow—Hk. Tls. 2,139,200, an increase of 531,700.
Hankow—Hk. Tls. 3,853,200, an increase of 187,200.
Shanghai—Hk. Tls. 19,914,300, an increase of 1,091,300.
Swatow—Hk. Tls. 1,334,300, an increase of 224,400.
Canton—Hk. Tls. 3,118,400, an increase of 576,100.

The 1921 revenue from native Customs under the control of the Inspector-General amounts in round numbers to Hk. Tls. 4,500,000 (at the above average exchange equal to £889,453), showing an increase of taels 120,000.

All foreign loan and indemnity obligations, secured by the Customs revenues, including the service of the Reorganization Loan and all domestic loan obligations indirectly secured on the Customs collections, have been fully met.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

There will be a Fancy Dress Dance at the V.R.C. on January 28 and a Scratch Regatta on January 30 at Black Boulder Point.—Page 4.

The Kowloon Canton Railway seek tenders for Liquors and Refreshments.—Page 4.
May Allison in "Fair and Warner" is on at the Coronet while Mabel Norman in "Back to the Woods" appears at the Edwinton Theatre to-night.—Page 12.

Lane Crawford's are selling their entire stock of Boots and Shoes at reduced prices.—Page 3.
Lumley's sell Household Furniture at 32 Nathan Road, Kowloon, on January 23.—Page 4.
The T.K.K. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival in port of the Taiyo Maru.—Page 4.
Powell's advertise "Roxone" and "Keltic" footwear. They are selling their American stock of Boots and Shoes at reduced figures.—Page 7.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 7 1/2d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—30.12 Temperature—73. Humidity—60.

Lighting-up time to-day 5:56 p.m.

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sincerely grateful to him. Mr. Wilson believed there were rumours to the effect that the Legion contemplated forming a branch of active service men. If that was so, he was sure they had nothing to say against it, but they still insisted on having their own organisation.

A Lusty Infant.

Although the Association had not been born very long it was a fairly lusty infant, able to sit up by itself and to take nourishment without the aid of parents. It would not be long before it cut its teeth and took to a heavier diet without getting indigestion. A good deal of the nourishment would be required in the shape of funds and it would be the business of the Committee, which the meeting would be called upon to elect, to formulate schemes for the raising of funds. Of course generous hearted sympathisers would be welcomed in the matter of financial help. The provisional committee had already considered the question of arranging a programme of concerts, dances, etc. There was also the question of forming a special fund for the assistance of members in distress. Later, for their own social comfort, they would be compelled to search for a permanent room where they could gather together and conduct the affairs of the Association. Personally he felt that the securing of permanent headquarters would go a long way towards enhancing the popularity of the Association.

Mr. Wilson was delighted to know that Lieut. Malletton, V.C., had consented to become President of the Association. He felt sure he would be heartily welcomed by all the members. Applause. Mr. Wilson welcomed a number of new members, some of whom he knew would be a great help and give the Association an impetus of which every new organisation was in need. "I hope," Mr. Wilson concluded, "we shall all enter into the welfare of this Association with enthusiasm and energy. Do not leave the spadework to the other fellow every time, but be determined to make this Association of old comrades a live and solid concern, wherein any animosity and jealousy will not be tolerated. Make it live in the spirit of old friendship which we knew before."

Indian Watchmen.

The meeting proceeded to the discussion of the rules. It was decided to call the organisation the "Ex-Active Service Men's Association." A good deal of discussion took place with regard to membership. One member expressed the view that the rules as at present drafted was not definite enough. For instance, Indian watchmen were entitled to join. It was pointed out that there might be in Hongkong members of a Chinese Labour Corps who served in a theatre of war. They would also be eligible. Eventually it was decided that the membership rule should read as follows: "That men of British nationality belonging to any part of the British Empire, shall be eligible for membership, provided they are entitled to wear the General War and Victory Medals."

A number of minor alterations were made in the rules. The entrance fee was fixed at \$5, with annual fee of \$5, and life membership fee at \$50, payable in advance. It was agreed that an additional rule be added to the effect that the Association was non-political and non-sectarian.

Officers Elected.

Lieut Malletton was unanimously elected President amid acclamation, and consented to fill the office. It was decided to ask Dr. Teesdale Mackintosh, Registrar of Hongkong University, and Mr. W. J. B. Mackenzie, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, to become Vice Presidents. Other officials were elected as under: Chairman, Mr. E. H. Wilson; Vice Chairman, Mr. F. P. Franklin; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. E. Ollerton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. F. B. R. James.

Messrs. Pearce, Martin and Chaney were elected to serve on the Committee which will consist of ten members, seven to be elected at the next meeting. A suggestion was put forward that a list of members and their units be circulated with the view of bringing those who had served in the same Divisions into close touch with one another. It was pointed out that this might be the means of making lasting friendships.

The Committee were given a hint to formulate a suitable slogan to act as an advertisement as well as an inducement. A hearty vote of thanks to the Hongkong Amusements Ltd., for the use of the Coronet, brought the meeting to a close.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

EUROPE'S ECONOMICS.

Cannes, Jan. 7. A 'communiqué' says a resolution was adopted unanimously, which opines that an Economic Conference should be summoned by February or early in March, to which all the European Powers, including Germany and Russia, should be invited, and the Premiers of every nation should, if possible, attend.

The Allies consider the resumption of international trade throughout Europe and the development of the resources of all countries necessary to increase productive employment and that to relieve widespread suffering a united effort by the stronger Powers is necessary to remedy the paralysis in the European system. This effort should include the removal of all obstacles to trade, the provision of substantial credits for weaker countries and the co-operation of all nations. The resolution propounds the fundamental conditions, on which alone the effort can be made with hope of success, including respect for foreign investors' property and rights, recognition of all public debts and obligations, compensation of foreign interests for loss and damage caused by confiscation, adequate means of exchange and refraining from propaganda subversive of order. All should undertake to refrain from aggression against their neighbours. If, in order to secure the conditions necessary to the development of trade, the Russian Government demands official recognition the Allies will be prepared to recognise it only if the stipulations described are accepted.

Mr. Lloyd George hoped that America could join the Allies in the rehabilitation of Europe. The victors had the responsibility towards Europe. If they wanted to restore peace they must have peace in Russia as well as in Asia Minor; therefore, he moved a resolution in favour of a conference of all European Powers in order to consider the economic reconstruction of Europe. He added that if Russia attends the Powers should point out that they can only trade with Russia if she fulfils her honourable obligations and agrees to pay her debts, compensate all nations for confiscated property, cease propaganda and recognise her legal contracts.

After the adoption of the resolution M. Bonomi invited all the European Powers to a conference at Genoa, which the meeting approved.

The Reparations Questions.

The Supreme Council is unexpectedly meeting again to-night in connection with a British request that Germany be heard as regards reparations. Dr. Rathenau will be invited to attend.

Presided over by the Belgian Premier, M. Theunis, the Reparations Committee has agreed to grant Germany delay regarding portion of the 1922 payments on conditions hitherto undetermined.

Belgian and French Comment.

France-Belgian comments on yesterday's meeting at Cannes betray dissatisfaction that the reparations question has apparently been relegated in favour of a general European settlement. The Brussels papers dwell in the need for close Franco-Belgian co-operation and insist on firmness at Cannes if the country is to be saved from bankruptcy.

Paris journals are not enamoured of any arrangement dependent on the good faith of the Soviets and Germany and declare that the world will be unsettled as long as France is without the guarantee which is her due.

Le Matin pins faith on America's attendance at the Genoa Conference on the ground that America will be a bulwark against confiding overmuch in the Soviets.

Need for the Germans.

At Mr. Lloyd George's suggestion the meeting of the Supreme Council resolved to invite Germany to send delegates to Paris, where they would be within easy call. Mr. Lloyd George urged the undesirability of discussing the reparations question in the absence of the Germans.

Washington, Jan. 8. It is intimated in high official circles that the Government is inclined to consider favourably an invitation to an international economic conference.

A Proposed Anglo-French Agreement.

Paris, Jan. 8. French reports from Cannes state that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand have begun pourparlers with the object of concluding an Anglo-French agreement to guarantee the maintenance of peace in Europe. The agreement will be based on the guarantee pact arrangements in the Treaty of Versailles, which did not come into force, owing to America's non-ratification. France would be assured of British military assistance in case of German aggression.

It is stated that the substance of recent conversations will be specified clearly in communications between the government heads. The report has been received with marked approval in French political circles. Semi-officially it is pointed out that if the agreement is realised France could consider an important reduction of armaments, which would help to restore confidence in Europe.

British-French Military Pact.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand began the conversations with a view to a British-French pact guaranteeing European peace and promising British military help in the case of a German attack on France.

THE IRISH VOTE.

London, Jan. 7. The Dail Eireann approved the treaty by 64 votes to 57, after which De Valera resigned the Presidency.

The deputies and the public were labouring under tense excitement when the Speaker of the Dail announced the result of the division, first in Gaelic then in English. News of acceptance by some means was flashed to the crowds outside and great cheers arose, but there was little demonstration in the Chamber.

De Valera rose immediately and said it would be his duty to resign, but he declared to the country and the world that until the Irish people in a regular manner disestablished it the republican constitution would be continued.

Mr. Collins pleaded for the appointment of a united committee representing both parties to take over the machinery of the Government. There were remarkable scenes in Dublin after the decision became known. Mr. Griffith and his fellow plenipotentiaries were given a tremendous reception.

London, Jan. 8. The news that the Dail has ratified the Treaty by a majority of seven has been received here with deep universal satisfaction and in Ireland with enthusiasm and tremendous relief. Apart from formalities, the vote completes a bargain which establishes Ireland as a free state of the British Commonwealth. The leaders of the majority have now to form a provisional Government to take over the various departments from the British authorities. The evacuation of the British forces is expected to begin forthwith. The issue of the long drawn out battle was in doubt to the last. De Valera, speaking after the vote, broke down completely and covered his face with his hands. The women deputies burst into tears. De Valera has apparently not yet formally resigned though he said it would be his duty to do so. He meets his supporters to-day. There may still be trouble ahead though it is intimated that the Sinn Fein army discipline will be maintained.

HARTLEPOOL'S HEAVY LOSS.

London, Jan. 7. The Hartlepool fire has been finally extinguished. The damage is officially estimated at two millions, including 166 tenements, many of which are uninhabitable.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SHANTUNG DEADLOCK.

Washington, Jan. 7. Friday's Sino-Japanese meeting on the Shantung question adjourned sine die.

Dr. Koo afterwards said the situation was critical. Mr. Hanhara stated that Japan had made a new offer of the nature of a concession, namely a fifteen-year Japanese loan for the Shantung Railway, China having the option to redeem at the end of five years. He said this was Japan's final suggestion and was based on instructions from Tokyo.

A statement issued by the Sino-Japanese delegations regarding the Shantung meeting confirms the latest Japanese loan offer aforementioned.

The Japanese further adhered to the proposal that a Japanese traffic manager and chief accountant should be engaged in the service of the Shantung Railway and proposed that the details of the financial agreement be worked out at Peking between representatives of the parties.

This plan was not acceptable to the Chinese who proposed the following alternatives: Firstly, China to make a cash payment for the railway with a single deposit in a bank of a third Power by a specified date, either before transfer or when the transfer is effected; Secondly, China to make deferred payment, either in Treasury notes or notes of the Chinese Bankers' Union secured by the railway properties and extending over a period of twelve years, upon giving six months' notice to pay all outstanding liabilities, an instalment to be paid on the day on which the transfer is completed. China will undertake on her own initiative to select and employ a Tsingtau-Tsinanfu railway district engineer of Japanese nationality.

Neither of these latter plans is found acceptable by the Japanese delegates in their present form.

It is learned in British quarters that Mr. Balfour and Secretary Hughes will probably await a joint Sino-Japanese request to mediate the Shantung dispute before taking action regarding yesterday's definite breach when the Chinese declared that unless Japan accepted by Friday, the Chinese plans for payment for the Kiaochow-Tsinanfu Railway in cash payments the conversations would end.

The British view is that the situation is so delicate that a joint request is necessary.

The Japanese, however, informed the Chinese last night that they are unwilling to join in a request, although they did not object to the Chinese asking for mediation.

Chief Japanese Delegate Leaves.

Washington, Jan. 8. Prince Tokugawa has left for Japan after bidding farewell to President Harding at the White House. Secretary Hughes escorted him to the station.

A Fresh Issue Just Raised.

London, Jan. 8. The conference at Washington is increasingly overshadowed by the Cannes gathering. The departure of Prince Tokugawa, the first Japanese delegate, is another sign of approaching conclusion. It is reported that Prince Tokugawa in a farewell interview affirmed that Japan entertained no aggressive designs in the Pacific while she had learned that nothing but peace was to be expected from the American side of the ocean.

A fresh question just raised is the Franco-Japanese Treaty of 1907 under which the parties engaged to give mutual support with a view to maintaining their territorial rights in Asia seeing that it does not lapse like the Anglo-Japanese Alliance with the signing of the Four Power Treaty. There are indications that the matter is receiving attention in connection with the drafting of the Nine Power Treaty relating to China.

Meanwhile, it is earnestly hoped that an agreement may yet be reached on the thorny Shantung question. The Chinese delegates on Saturday were closeted for forty minutes with Secretary Hughes and for a longer period with Mr. Balfour. They declared that the results of these conversations were satisfactory and reassuring. They appear to attach the greatest importance to the good offices of these statesmen. It is reported that Mr. Hughes insisted that the exercise of such offices must be strictly informal. Slight as the Sino-Japanese differences are there is no indication that either side is yet willing to make the least concession.

FUTURE WARFARE.

Washington, Jan. 7. In the Naval Committee Senator Root proposed complete prohibition of poison gas in future wars. The resolution invites all civilised nations to adhere.

The five Great Powers have approved of the proposal to prohibit the use of poison gas in future wars.

In the sub-committee report it is opined that it is impossible to limit the size and use of aeroplanes in wartime.

The Naval Committee has adopted the Root resolution, declaring that submarine commanders violating international law in submarine warfare are guilty of piracy. The resolution was later widened in order to include commanders of warships of all types.

LOYAL BURMA.

Rangoon, Jan. 7. On Saturday H.R.H. the Prince of Wales returned to Rangoon after a two days' visit to Mandalay. The outstanding feature of the round of entertainments were displays by 600 Shan tribesmen in the soft light of thousands of paper lanterns. A mimic pageant of wild mythical animals was extraordinarily clever and fantastic. The Prince was much amused by the cart races, in which two frenzied drivers belaboured bucking bullocks into remarkable activity, whilst the frantic crowd tries abruptly to stop the victor on the winning line at imminent risk of life. Boat racing by Inthas paddling with their feet also much-entertained the Prince. His reception everywhere in Burma has been intensely enthusiastic.

PERSIA'S OIL FRIENDS.

Allahabad, Jan. 7. A message from Teheran says the Persian Government has obtained a loan from an American company, of which the name is not disclosed, an advance of one million and a half dollars against royalties, payable by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. The greater part of the loan will be devoted to paying troops and police, whose pay is months in arrear.

WHITE AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, Jan. 7. Premier Barwell has declared that he is convinced that some modification of the White Australia policy will eventually become inevitable. Coloured labour must sooner or later be admitted under proper restrictions calculated to prevent the fusion of races and racial hatred.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

London, Jan. 7. An anonymous donor has undertaken until individual guarantees are forthcoming to be responsible for the last eighty thousand pounds for the Empire Exhibition's million pounds guarantee fund, thus enabling the Council to begin clearing the ground in January, when H.R.H. the Duke of York will turn the first sod.

THE EAST INDIES LOAN.

New York, Jan. 8. The Dutch East Indies forty million dollar loan has been over-subscribed.

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Dedication Ceremony at
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Quite a number of Hongkong people went down to Macao yesterday, to be present at the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, of the rebuilt Protestant Church in our neighbour colony. As has been recalled, the Church was built originally by the Hon. East India Company in 1817, standing near the Company's office, the ruins of which are still to be seen in the vicinity of the Camoens garden. Behind the Church is the old cemetery, with graves of foreign early comers to China, including some notable Britishers. "Richard Oliver," in his interesting article in our Saturday's issue, referred to them.

Of the old Church nothing has been left but the foundations, so that it was practically a new edifice in which yesterday's congregation assembled. It is a small building, of simple design, and for the dedication it was quite filled. Among those present were Lady Stubbs, the Governor of Macao and Lady Correia da Silva, Admiral Sir A. L. Duff and Miss Duff, Commodore and Mrs. Bowden Smith, Sir Paul Chater, Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell (Commissioner of Customs at Macao), Capt. Magalhães Correia (Captain of the port of Macao), Mr. G. H. Potts, Capt. C. E. W. Ricou, Mr. Wallace (U. S. Vice-Consul at Canton), Capt. Cloete and other officers of H.M.S. Tarantula, which took the Admiral's party across. Assisting the Bishop of Victoria were Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, Rev. C. B. Shann, and Rev. J. L. Galloway (S. Baptist Mission). Mrs. Hayley Bell was at the organ.

The Opening Ceremony.

During the hymn "O God our Help in Ages Past," the customary request to dedicate the Church was made to the Bishop outside the Church. His Lordship knelt, was admitted by Rev. J. L. Galloway, and followed by the other clergy, proceeded to the holy table. Psalm 122 "I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord," was sung. The Bishop asked a blessing on the building, and after the Collects formally dedicated it. Rev. Dr. Pearce read a lesson from 1 Chron. 29 (9 to 17). The Te Deum was sung, and after the Apostles' Creed, Rev. J. L. Galloway offered prayer. The hymn "We love the place O God" was sung, preceding the Bishop's very interesting sermon, which appears below. The hymn "The King of Love my Shepherd is," and prayer by Rev. Dr. Pearce concluded the service.

An Epitaph.

The congregation then followed the Clergy into the old Cemetery, which has recently been put in order again. Wreaths had been placed on all the graves; but on three of them bigger wreaths were laid, with a little ceremony, including the reading of the lengthy inscriptions. Dr. Pearce placed a wreath on the grave of Dr. Robert Morrison, and the Admiral laid tributes on the graves of the two Naval commanders. Sir H. J. le F. Senhouse and Lord H. J. Spencer Churchill. Capt. Cloete added a wreath on the last named. It was an interesting coincidence that yesterday was the 155th anniversary of the ceremony of Robert Morrison's consecration for mission work.

The ceremonies over, the visitors inspected with interest the plain tombstones, reading the inscriptions and conjuring up a wealth of romance from the far back dates.

Most of the Hongkong visitors returned last night. On his arrival at Macao yesterday, the Admiral was received on landing with a guard of honour from the Portuguese East African regiment, and a salute was fired from the Monte fort as the Tarantula entered the harbour. The Admiral and the Governor of Macao exchanged calls.

The Sermon.

The Bishop of Victoria preached from Psalm 145:4—"One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy power." His Lordship said: "Here we are, a little group of English-speaking people, far from the places of our birth, gathered together in this historic spot, the guests of this Colony of Macao with all its long story and memorable associations. Nor can we forget that the Portuguese were

the pioneers of that colonial expansion, which has done so much to alter the face of the earth. It was the Portuguese who, at the end of the fifteenth and the beginning of the sixteenth centuries opened up the vast extent of the coast of Asia from the Red Sea to Macao to European trade and influence, under leaders like Vasco da Gama and Albuquerque. For three hundred years Macao was, for foreigners, the gateway of the Chinese Empire. Here, the first lighthouse in the East was erected, the first printing press employing movable type, instead of the stereotyped wooden blocks used by the Chinese, was set up; here, also, the first foreign hospital in China was opened and vaccination was first practised. Here Capt. Hall, on November 25th, 1840, arrived in the *Nemesis*, the first iron steamer to touch these shores.

Rebuilding of the Church.

"We are met to dedicate to the glory of God and for the service of the little group of English-speaking people this restored Church. This is a sacred spot to all who love the past and who reverence that spirit of the pioneer through which progress comes. Eleven months ago, when I paid my first visit to Macao, this Church was a ruin. The next month Colonel Hayley Bell spoke at our Diocesan Conference. His speech was reported and the next morning I had a letter saying that one who desired to remain anonymous would defray the balance of the cost of re-building. Since then, the Church has been rebuilt, the cemetery has been put in thorough order, every tombstone has been cleaned, a diagram has been drawn of the cemetery, showing every gravestone, and a book prepared from documents obtained from the Portuguese Colonial Government showing the inscriptions of all those that were legible as late as 1898. Twelve old graves on the East Hill (called Meesenberg) have also been cleaned and four on the island of Kyau, Kumsingman Harbour, 14 miles up the coast. We, and many besides, are grateful to him who has given this Church and also to those local friends who have so ungrudgingly given their services for carrying through this work. All will agree that we owe a special debt to Colonel Hayley Bell for all that he has done.

Continuing, the Bishop said that as they dedicated this restored Church they thought, inevitably, of the original Church, built on this site by the Hon. East India Company 100 years ago. The ruins of the Company's offices were just opposite the Church. It was impossible to obtain information as to the original foundation of the Church, but the parcel of land on which it was built, together with the Cemetery attached, was granted to the Hon. East India Company originally and later was taken over by Her Britannic Majesty's Government, who held it until 12th May, 1870, when it was handed over to a Board of Trustees, representing different countries, America, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain and Holland. Thirteen years later Sir

William Medhurst issued an appeal for the preservation of the cemetery. Later again the Church fell into disrepair, and in 1898 Archdeacon Barnett reclaimed the Church for the service to God, from being a cracker store-house.

The Old Cemetery.

In all there were 172 graves in the Churchyard and on the Meesenberg Hill. In addition there were in the new Cemetery some 20 old graves, dating back to the latter part of the 13th Century, that had been brought together from the various hills outside the old walls. They were of people who came from different lands, from Denmark and Norway, from Germany and France, from America and from Great Britain. The oldest known grave was that of Wilhelm Meesenberg, and went back to 1767.

"And for a moment," said his Lordship, "I would ask you to think of that world of 200 years ago." Going back to Commodore Anson's trip around the world in the Centaur in 1741, the preacher reviewed world conditions then, and China's relation to them.

The Morrisons.

"Meesenberg was buried yonder on Meesenberg Hill," he continued. "The first of which we have record to be buried in the Cemetery adjoining this Church was Charles Pattle, who died in the year of Waterloo, and among the earliest to be buried was the first wife of the great pioneer Robert Morrison, Mary Morrison, who with her unborn child was laid to rest in that spot, where soon after her husband was also to be laid."

His Lordship compared world relations 1807, when Morrison landed, with those of 1941. When Morrison arrived in China, he said, Chinese were forbidden under pain of death to teach foreigners their language. Yet he persevered, and after 27 years he had been instrumental in translating the whole Old and New Testaments and in compiling the first Chinese-English dictionary, the fountain from which all students of Chinese have drawn since his time.

"When Morrison died he had only six converts. But his faith has been justified: the little one has become a thousand, and it is, I think, interesting that in the same week that I dedicate this Church here I am also to dedicate the Church of Our Saviour in Canton, the city where Morrison laboured, a Church for the Chinese built almost entirely by Chinese money and served by two Chinese clergy."

The Pioneers.

"Time fails me to do more than refer to Sir Wm. Fraser, Bart., chief of the British factory in Canton, buried in 1827; to Edward Roberts, Special Diplomatic Agent of the U.S.A. to several Asiatic courts, who executed treaties with the Courts of Muscat and Siam, and who was buried in 1836; to Thomas Waldron, first Consul of the United States of America for Hongkong, buried in 1844; to the poet and painter George Chinnery, some of whose paintings are in the National Gallery; he lived in Macao from 1825 to his death in 1842; to the

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Buckinghamshire Education Committee, with the co-operation of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, is furthering the village and country town concert scheme by holding concerts in various parts of that county. Distinguished London artists are appearing. The scheme aims at raising funds to give concerts in every village in England.

WU PEI-FU AND THE
NEW CABINET.

A message from Hankow dated Dec. 25 says: "As General Wu Pei-fu has extremely opposed the formation of the Liang Shih-yi Cabinet, General Tsao Kuo-nan, the Tsuchan of Hupoh, asking him to advise Wu Pei-fu to support the Cabinet under Liang Shih-yi. But General Hsiao Yao-nan has not been able to advise Wu Pei-fu direct and has merely transmitted the message of Tsao Kuo-nan to Wu Pei-fu, asking him to give his consideration by saying that if Wu Pei-fu will support it, to give 'face' to Tsao Kuo-nan, he (Hsiao) will join his signature in the message."

Right Hon. Lord John Spencer, C.B., of H. M. Frigate, D.D., Senior Officer of the Canton, and fourth son of the Duke of Marlborough. He died in 1840. And to Sir Humphrey le Fleming Senhouse, Senior Naval Officer of the China Station, who died in June 1841 after fever contracted in the capture of the heights of Canton. In this Cemetery lie buried soldiers and sailors, merchants and civil servants, doctors and missionaries, brave women and children not a few. True pioneers all of them, who laid down their lives for the great future that is to be.

Their Example to Us.
Dwelling on their example of plodding, patient upbuilding, His Lordship concluded:

"And for ourselves my brethren, many and great are the problems that press upon us—the problem of the relation of race to race, of Church to Church, of man to man. I had almost said of man to God. We live in a time strangely unlike the world has ever seen. The whole world is convulsed in the birth-throes of a new age. Short are the days given us in which to do our work. Let us go forward, unafraid and labour in faith and courage and hope, so that at the end we may lay down our work and ourselves in these strong hands that guide the generations and uphold the universe—the hands of mercy and justice above."

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THE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

The following information relating to the vaccination campaign may be of interest to the public. It is furnished by Mr. F. R. Sayer, Head of the Sanitary Department.

1. On December 23rd to 31st over 800 servants of Peak residents were vaccinated at the station established at the Peak.

2. The Campaign proper started on January 3rd in the Western District of Victoria. 14,000 persons have been vaccinated up to date.

3. Dr. Woodman is at present occupied in a house-to-house visitation working Eastwards from the Western District. He proposes to establish a fixed station at the Eastern District Sanitary Office (Wantsai) to-day and another, by kind permission of Messrs. Macdonald and Mackenzie, at the vacant ground adjoining the Post Office building.

4. Permanent stations for Chinese exist also at all Chinese Public Dispensaries both in Hongkong and Kowloon and at the Tung Wah and Kwong Wah Hospitals.

5. A Public Vaccinator is available at Kowloon Dispensary and the Government Civil Hospital to vaccinate Europeans. In the case of the Government Civil Hospital the hour is between 8 and 4 p.m.

6. Dr. Woodman proposes shortly to visit the various schools throughout the Colony for the purpose of vaccinating the pupils.

7. The Campaign will be extended on Monday to Tsim Sha Tsui and Yau-mat.

CRICKET.

R.G.A. v. C.R.C.

As happened last season, R.G.A. aspirants for the premiership, suffered an unexpected reverse on Saturday at the hands of C.R.C., seriously imperilling their prospects. R.G.A. sent C.R.C. in, and regretted it. After losing a wicket at 6, 31 showed for two and 163 for 3. Ng Sze-woong and Lee batted well. The former hit Graham out of the ground and got thirteen fours. Lee got two sixes (Downing and Baker) and nine fours. Davies was not as fast as usual but kept a good length and got the best average. R.G.A. were unlucky to lose Davies, caught in the slips off the last ball of the first over. Capt. Oliver returned Lee's first ball hard, and Lee held it. After that the side collapsed. Major Bagwell hit out, but only Baker stayed with him any length of time. The last four wickets did not add a run, Ching just missing a hat-trick. Scores:

C. Choa, b Davies	4		
Ng Sze-woong, not out	77		
W. Guitens, l.b.w. Baker	15		
G. Lee, c Graham, b Davies	58		
G. Hall, c Davies, b Frampton	3		
H. C. Hunt, b Davies	1		
Extras	14		
Total (5 wks. dec.)	173		

Graham	10	1	47
Davies	14	3	43
Baker	5	3	31
Downing	3	3	33
Frampton	3	3	20

Capt. Davies, c Lee, b Ng	8		
Capt. Oliver, c and b Lee	0		
Lieut. Chester, c Lo, b Lee	0		
Maj. Bagwell, b Ching	45		
Edr. Baker, c Wong, b Lee	17		
Maj. Downing, b Lee	2		
Lt. Graham, b Ching	12		
Lt. Parker, b Ching	0		
Gr. Davies, b Ching	0		
Gr. Frampton, b Lee	0		
Extras	4		
Total	88		

Ng Sze-woong	4	81	1
G. Lee	7	1	27
H. Ching	4	26	4

The Hongkong Cricket Club gained a good victory over Kowloon by 60 runs. Jotham and Mitchell gave them a capital start and the score eventually reached 160.

B. D. C. Morgan and L. J. Davies being other valuable contributors. At no time during the game did Kowloon appear likely to get the necessary runs. Excepting for Capt. Spinks, the batsmen could do little with the bowling of Beatty and Haytor and were all disposed of for 60. The former claimed five wickets for 44 and the latter five for 27. B. D. Evans did well for Kowloon with six for 35. Scores:

Lt. Com. Jotham, c Macdonald, b Evans	17		
E. J. R. Mitchell, b Evans	17		
Major Edwards, l.b.w. Evans	5		
B. D. C. Morgan, l.b.w., Macdonald	30		
R. Hancock, b Evans	0		
H. H. Benson, b Evans	0		
F. H. Farthing, c Thompson, b Evans	4		
L. J. Davies, not out	23		
Mid. Haytor, c Spinks, b Macdonald	2		
E. G. Lammett, l.b.w., Spinks	4		
Lieut. Beatty, b Stalker	8		
Extras	28		
Total	160		

G. Russell	4	1	16
J. Stalker	9	1	14
B. D. Evans	9	2	85
Lt. Macdonald	7	1	21
Capt. Spinks	2	6	1

K.C.C. v. K.C.C. 2nd XI.

A very close friendly match was witnessed on the Kowloon ground between the second teams of the K. C. C. and the H. K. C. C. Kowloon, batting first, put up a score of 123, of which the opening pair, Blackburn and Brown, made 74. Hongkong replied with ten runs less than their opponents. Hope claimed six Kowloon wickets for 23 runs. Scores:

L. J. Blackburn, c Perrin, b Hope	41		
A. O. Brown, b Hope	33		
F. E. Lawrence, b Hope	7		
L. E. S. Hodge, b Hope	2		
E. J. Edwards, b Young	16		
H. Overy, c and b Young	9		
F. Evelyn, b Hope	1		
E. W. Alderson	1		
E. F. Spinks, run out	1		
W. B. Haslett, run out	0		
J. M. Jack, b Hope	0		
Extras	13		
Total	123		

Young	11	1	52
Capt. Murray	4	13	2
Hope	10	1	23
Perrin	2	9	9
Humphrys	2	18	9

W. Fraser, c Spinks, b Haslett	8		
J. D. Humphreys, c Evelyn, b Haslett	80		
M. M. Watson, b Spinks	0		
F. E. Young, run out	23		
Capt. H. P. Murray, run out	0		
W. J. Hope, c Edwards, b Overy	6		
L. D. McNeill, c sub, b Overy	21		
H. E. Holland, not out	2		
W. W. Mackenzie, b Brown	1		
J. R. Way, run out	2		
N. J. Perrin, b Spinks	0		
Extras	14		
Total	113		

Haslett	10	27	2
Spinks	8	1	32
Overy	6	27	2
Brown	6	18	1

Police v. R.A.M.C. The Police defeated the R.A.M.C. by 60 runs. They compiled a total of 191, Grimmett and Booker making a big stand for the third wicket. The former hit three sixes in his score of 61 and Booker was credited with six sixes in his 70. Savage bowled very well throughout, claiming six wickets for 78, the last four being taken for seven runs. R.A.M.C. responded with 101, Major Tomlinson heading the batsmen with 36. Scores:

Alexander, b Holland	22		
C. Earnshaw, b Rhodes	2		
R. Earnshaw, b Rhodes	1		
Grimmett, c Tomlinson, b Savage	61		
Booker, c Tomlinson, b Savage	79		
King, b Savage	1		
Ellwood, c Tomlinson, b Rhodes	9		
Mackell, b Savage	0		
Gibb, c West, b Savage	0		
Hallam, not out	1		
Chester-Woods, b Savage	0		
Extras	8		
Total	191		

G. Russell	4	1	16
J. Stalker	9	1	14
B. D. Evans	9	2	85
Lt. Macdonald	7	1	21
Capt. Spinks	2	6	1

K.C.C.

Bowling analysis.

R.A.M.C.

Rhodes, b Grimmett

Savage, c and b Grimmett

Capt. Tomlinson, b King

Major Tomlinson, b King

Hollands, c Hallam, b Alexander

West, c Hallam, b Grimmett

Stones, b Gibb

Wilkinson, b Gibb

Thompson, b King

Rogers, c Hallam, b King

Pitt, not out

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THE DAIL'S DECISION.

After protracted debating Dail Eireann has accepted the treaty of settlement. That the Irish assembly should have arrived at this decision in the face of so much hostility and acrimony is a proof that the rational elements in Ireland have asserted themselves, and also that the offer of the British Government really was a liberal one. Remembering the irreconcilable antagonism of Sinn Fein until very recent months, it is impossible to suppose that the majority of the Irish deputies would have given their votes for the treaty unless they were satisfied on this latter point. Here we have matters for special congratulation, for it was no ordinary achievement to bring even a small majority of Ireland's spokesmen to record their verdict in favour of a pact for ending the centuries-old dispute between England and Ireland. Unfortunately, the tradition of discord still pursues Ireland. Now it is of an internecine nature, not consisting only of North versus South but of the South (as Ireland outside of Ulster has come to be called) divided against itself.

In the position now reached there is a blend of triumph and tragedy. The decision which registers the Dail's affirmation proclaims also the uncompromising hostility of nearly half that body. That there were many opponents was known from the course of the debate. The hope was that the discussions would bring home to Ireland's representatives the reality of the concessions made to the Emerald Isle, so that, if not absolute unanimity, at least a substantial measure of this might be secured. An insignificant minority against would not have been a matter for disquietude, but the ballot of 64 against 57 shows that the sides were almost equally divided. As for Mr. de Valera, it is probable that that somewhat theatrical semi-Spanish gentleman, who professes even more solicitude for Ireland than do the Irish themselves, has been taken rather too seriously so far as he is personally concerned. At the same time it is impossible to ignore the fact that he has behind him a very large section of Sinn Fein.

What, then, are the chances that the new regime will work with a reasonable measure of tranquility, without which the hope of a new dawn in Ireland is vain? Obviously a large body in the legislature pledged to continue the republican propaganda is a potential menace of sinister import. Britishers in other lands will hope that the dissentients, finding that the vote has gone against them, will on reconsideration resolve to co-operate in making the new system a success, and thus help in bringing peace and prosperity to the country to which they declare themselves so devoted. They have the choice of this alternative as against beginning a new era of discord. If they adopt the latter course, the issue rests mainly with the Irish nation itself. Reports state that the people of Ireland acclaimed the Dail's decision. If they insist upon it being observed, the cause for apprehension will be appreciably lessened.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The North and South.

The probability of a settlement of the differences at present existing between north and south China would seem to be getting nearer every day, for there are many indications that the leaders in the two capitals are getting more and more in line of thought. Our Canton correspondent on Saturday reported the prevalence of rumours in Canton on this subject, in which it was suggested that General Chan King-ming would be appointed Inspector General of the Two Kwangs. This is not the first time such a suggestion has been made and the rumour has colour lent to it by the fact that General Chan's personal representative is now in the north in conference with General Wu Pu-fu. The new Premier, Liang Shih-yi has been the recipient of many congratulatory telegrams from Hongkong and other parts of the south and he has plainly indicated that one of his main endeavours will be to reconcile the north and south. That he has far better chances of doing this than his predecessor is generally acknowledged, especially as it has been suggested that he will, at a fairly early date, convene the National Assembly, the dismissal of which led to Canton's first breakaway. General Chan King-ming is reported as being in favour of a settlement and it has even been hinted that President Sun Yat-sen will eventually fade out of the southern picture in which he has been such a prominent figure. At the present moment the whole position seems to be in a state of flux, giving rise to all manner of conjectures and speculations. But it is patent that the political atmosphere of China has greatly cleared during the past few weeks and that there are grounds for hoping that the long-standing breach will be healed and that China will once again be a united and peaceful country.

Restoring Europe.

It is possible that out of the present meeting of the Supreme Council being held at Cannes great and beneficial decisions will come. One can very easily picture Mr. David Lloyd George addressing the gathering (as reported on Saturday) in the spirit of an appeal on behalf of stricken Europe as a whole. The burden of his speech was "Let us get back to where we were." Let us trade with one another openly and without undue restrictions; give Europe a chance to recover from the paralysis born of war. That has been the British cry for months past, but the obstacles and difficulties in the way have been real. It is only by the wholehearted co-operation of the European countries as a whole that we shall ever be able to reach the goal being aimed at; that co-operation has been denied through a variety of causes which we do not all understand. It is encouraging to note that the Belgian and Italian delegates supported the British Premier and that the meeting subscribed to the policy of holding an international economic conference. If Soviet Russia consents to recognize Russia's foreign debts, if Germany plays a straight and honest game in the matter of reparation payments, if trade relations are restored between the two last-named countries, and if there could be engendered a spirit of mutual trust and helpfulness among all the nations of Europe then we should soon see nearly all the present troubles of Allied statesmen dissipated. A trade revival would most assuredly ensue. This a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The Shantung Problem.

There will be general regret that the Shantung problem, now being discussed at Washington between Chinese and Japanese statesmen, appears hopeless of solution. Previous telegrams had indicated the possibility of failure but there was a little hope inspired on Saturday morning, though this was doomed to be wrecked before noon. For our own part we cannot help thinking that the Japanese attitude has been perfectly reasonable and that the Chinese have been a little over insistent. It must not be forgotten that Kiaochow was made over to Japan by the Versailles Peace Treaty, that she has spent millions of yen in the province and that China, while entitled to justice and to her own territory, is somewhat in the position of one suing for a favour. The negotiations seem to have broken down over the question of

DAY BY DAY.

AFFAIRS ARE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH PATIENCE; AND THE HASTY MAN FAILS IN HIS UNDERTAKINGS.—SAAADI.

The Medical Officer's Return for Saturday shows one death (Chinese) from plague and one British case of enteric fever.

The Chief Engineer of the Angkor has reported to the police that his cabin was entered through the port hole and a steel cash box containing money and jewellery of the total value of \$604 was stolen.

While buying fruits at a stall in Hillier Street a Chinese woman was victimised by a snatcher who stole her neck chain and diamond studded pendant. He escaped with the jewellery, which is valued at nearly \$500.

James Livingstone forfeited his bail to the police this morning when he failed to put in an appearance in the Court to defend two charges of being drunk and disorderly. A constable arrested him yesterday and took him to the Police Station where he paid over a bail of \$10 to the Inspector. After leaving the Police Station he went to Government House, his mission being somewhat obscure, and was re-arrested when he again became disorderly. A second bail of \$10, was then put in, and this, like the first, was this morning confiscated by the Magistrate's order.

Yue Sang was sentenced to two years' hard labour this morning in connection with travelling in a train to Samchun without the proper ticket. When the man was searched he was also discovered to have a revolver loaded in five chambers. The police finger print expert preferred a third charge against the prisoner in that he returned from banishment before the expiry of his term of ten years. In view of the prisoner's admission to the two major charges, the Police Prosecutor withdrew the railway ticket charge. The Magistrate passed sentence of one year's hard labour on each of the two remaining counts, both sentences to run consecutively.

The careful methods of cargo pilferers were emphasised in a case heard before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistracy this morning when a Chinese boatman was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing a quantity of elastic braid, of the value of \$90. Inspector Browne reported that the braid was pilfered from a case which, with two others, was being sent on a Kowloon godown lighter for the Heungshan for delivery at Canton. The theft took place in transit across the harbour, the case being reloaded so carefully that it apparently deceived the people who took delivery on the Heungshan. The quantity stolen comprised a third of the contents of the case.

JAPANESE KILLED BY BANDITS.

It is reported that in a fight that occurred between a small party of Japanese officers and men and a large body of Chinese bandits, last month, at a point north of Tsitsihar, seven Japanese were killed. Among those killed were Major Murai and Captain Goto, who were leading the party. It seems that the Japanese party, which included four civilians, was proceeding to Heiho from Tsitsihar in order to join the special service corps there, when they encountered a body of some fifty bandits. It was hopelessly outnumbered, and besides the fatalities mentioned two of the party were severely wounded. The four civilians are reported to have escaped unhurt. On receipt of the news, the Japanese Consul at Tsitsihar left for the scene of disaster with a guard of Chinese soldiers, for the purpose of recovering the bodies and attending to the wounded. The Consul was accompanied by Doctors. Major Murai and Captain Goto belonged to the headquarters of the Kwantung Garrison in the Japanese leased territory.

payment for the Kiaochow-Tsitsihar Railway, the Chinese wanted to make cash payments and the Japanese desiring to lend China the money with which to pay. Whether Mr. Balfour and Mr. Hughes will be able to bring about another meeting of the parties and guide them to modifications permitting a settlement we shall have to wait to know. It would certainly be a great pity if the Washington Conference closed leaving this great question unsettled.

THE NOBLE ART.

Good Sport at Police Boxing.

Some good sport was witnessed at the Hongkong Police boxing tournament, held in the Volunteer Headquarters, by permission of Lieut-Col. L.O. Bird, D.S.O. on Saturday night. There was a large attendance of boxing enthusiasts, among those present being His Excellency the Governor, Sir Wm. Rees-Davies, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Lieut-Col. Bird, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe.

All the competitors had their followers and in most cases the loser received as great an ovation as his more fortunate opponent. The bouts were very sporty and well contested.

Gough Wins Featherweight.

The tournament opened with a preliminary three-round contest for the featherweight championship, the participants being Sergt. Gough (8.10) and Sergt. Gough (9.1). Gough attacked right from the start. He was all over his opponent and in the first round Condon received terrific punishment. Condon went down several times. He stuck it gamely, but was hopelessly outclassed. In the second round he again went down several times and at the conclusion of the round the referee stopped the fight giving the decision to Gough.

Later in the evening Gough fought Sergt. Maison (9.2). Gough again proved himself far the better man. Maison went down for nine in the first round and in the second round a right uppercut sent Maison down for the full count, giving Gough the title.

Novices Contest.

The novices' contest was followed with great interest. Sergt. Keen (9.9) fought Sergt. Stewart (10.10) for six rounds and although not as scientific as the other bouts, both men showed their gameness right the way through and it was a very sporty fight. In the opening rounds there were some lively exchanges, but towards the end both men began to tire. It was a fairly even contest. Stewart getting the decision.

Kirby Knocked Out.

Warder Dedear (10.3) met Sergt. Kirby (10.10) in a six-round contest for the welterweight championship. The first round saw some lively exchanges, Dedear looking decidedly the fresher man as he went to his corner. In the second round Kirby got in several blows which it was apparent were not without effect. The third round Dedear punished his man severely. He got Kirby in a corner and after dealing out much punishment, sent his man to the boards for the full count.

Gardner's Bad Luck.

The six round contest for the middleweight championship, between Sergt. Stimson (10.5) and Warder Gardner (10.11) promised to be an interesting fight, but unfortunately came to a rather sudden end. After a few exchanges Gardner accidentally hit his man a little lower than intended and was disqualified. The audience showed their good faith in Gardner by giving him a great ovation as he left the ring.

Well Done Andrews.

Giving away twenty-three pounds, Andrews, of the P. W. D. (11) put up the gamest fight of the evening against Sergt. Hallam (12.5) in the six-round heavyweight championship contest. It was science versus strength and if the weights had been a little more equal there might have been a different decision. In the first round Hallam dealt out severe punishment and it looked as though the second round would see the end. In the second round, however, Andrews began to weigh his man up and although Hallam did most of the hitting throughout the fight, Andrews' guard was so effective that he was able to last out the full six rounds. The verdict went to Hallam, Andrews getting a tremendous ovation as he left the ring for holding his own against a man to whom he gave so much in weight.

At the conclusion of the programme His Excellency, who was accompanied in the ring by the Captain Superintendent of Police, presented the trophies to the winners and souvenirs to the other competitors. His Excellency congratulated the Hongkong Police Force upon their very successful meeting and assured them that he had spent a pleasant evening. He felt sure the audience shared his gratitude to the Hongkong Police Force for having given them such a good display of energetic boxing. He was very pleased to see

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

I don't know how you feel about it but I can spend an hour or two just looking over a dictionary. A dictionary's one of those books that is neither good enough nor bad enough to call for any particular commendation or censure. Come to think of it, it takes a man's nerve to criticise a dictionary. But then there are men that would criticise anything.

Nine times out of ten the only reason I open a dictionary is to make sure about the spelling of a word. Time was when I used to open one for to get the meaning as well. But that's bad. For the first reason a man may be forgiven but when a man writes a word and doesn't know the meaning he should have his dictionary taken away from him until he learns to express himself in simple language. It's the same when we're speaking. At times we're very apt to say words simply because we heard some one else say them. A man will sometimes go through nearly half a life using a word and have only a glimmering of an idea what it means. Incidentally, Joe and I have made a pact long ago to check each other up when we think either the one or the other uses a wrong word or mispronounces a word. I think it's a fine scheme. Mind ye, before you can go into partnership like that, it's very necessary to have a thin skin. If either of us were to take umbrage at each other it would mean that the arrangement would automatically cease. Of course we do it quietly. We dinna bawl each other out in front of other folks that don't know any better themselves. I think it's a good scheme—for me. I've learned quite a lot of new words that way and have been taught how to correctly pronounce as many again without being made to feel that I'm an illiterate ass or losing any self-respect forbye. Besides, I believe the scheme hasn't been altogether unprofitable for Joe either. It's worth trying, provided you haven't got to the stage when you think you know everything.

Again, we sometimes come on a word, spell right, ay, even pronounced right, but which is nowadays used with a different meaning. The dictionary search and discussion which follows such a discovery leaves us both to the good. Of course, sometimes the editor of a dictionary does not take a too severe or gloomy view of his duties. He, at times, is not above a sly hit, a gentle dig or a broad joke, even at his own expense. Take for instance the dictionary I do most of my falling back on. Under the word "Zoanthropy" is the following:—

"A form of mental delusion in which a man believes himself to be a beast. The devout divine, Simon Browne (1630-1732) under this belief, devoted himself to the making of a dictionary. 'I am doing nothing,' he says 'that requires a reasonable soul.' I am making a dictionary." Here again the sting is in the tail and the smile on the face of the editor.

COCKTAIL CONTRETEMPS.

Famous Stage Comedy At The Coronet.

A great stage comedy which promises to become equally famous as a photoplay comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening in "Fair and Warmer," undeniably the funniest and at the same time the most human farce Avery Hopwood, America's cleverest comedy master, ever wrote. May Allison, the screen's most captivating comedienne, is at once charming and engaging as the ingenious young wife whose husband isn't half the gay dog he wants her to think him, excelling her consistently fine performance in the famous cocktail scene. The amusing tribulations of two young couples form the action of the clever plot. In the one instance the husband is too perfect; the wife in consequence finding him a dull companion. In the other the husband endeavours to give the contrary impression—he keeps her guessing as the best way to retain her love. When mischievous fate entangles the threads of their lives the result is one of the most absurdly funny series of situations ever contrived, even by a premier farce writer like Avery Hopwood. And that is saying a lot!

Referee: Mr. A. Murdoch. Judge: Lieut. T. I. Scott Bell, R.N., and Mr. J. S. McCann. Medical officers and in Charge of Scales: Dr. J. Valentine. Timekeepers: Sub-Inspector Pitt and Mr. A. B. Allan. Committee: Mr. D. Burlingame, Lieut. Gerrard, Sub-Inspector, Sub-Inspector, Sub-Inspector, A. Clark, Sub-Inspector, J. Clark, Mr. R. C. Mitchell, Sergt. Nichol, Sergt. James, Sergt. Smith, Sergt. Portallion and Warder Plumb.

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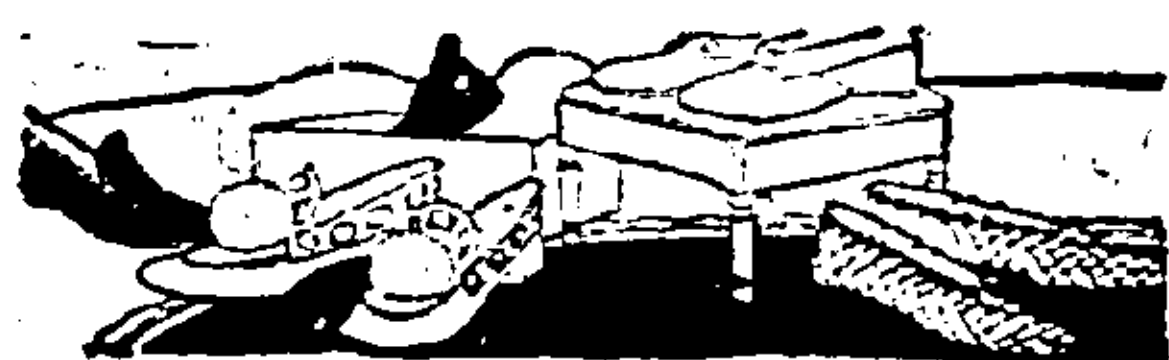
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H.K.V.D.C. v. H.K. POLICE.

The above match took place on Sunday (the 8th inst.) at High West Range. (The Peak). The conditions were extremely trying, a very strong glare from the water shining straight into the firers' eyes. Such poor results from such well known shots as Messrs. Grimmett, Booker, F. Goodman and Grimes, give a good indication of the conditions.

Name.	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	Total
Mr. Grimes	27	32	20	79
Mr. Goodman	33	26	20	79
Mr. Frith	31	30	10	71
Mr. Shaw	31	18	9	58
Mr. A. Young	23	22	10	55
Mr. Alderson	19	11	23	53
Mr. Dovey	15	24	12	51
Mr. Summers	22	15	0	37
Total	483			

H.K. POLICE.

Mr. Mc. N.	24	23	8	55
Mr. Hourihan	22	19	14	55
Mr. Grimmett	27	19	7	53
Mr. Mair	22	19	9	50
Mr. Booker	33	15	0	49
Mr. Shaffin	28	12	9	49
Mr. Griffin	22	9	17	48
Mr. Smith	15	17	4	36
Total	395			

H.K.V.D.C. won by 88 points.

H.M.S. AMBROSE v. H.M.S. CAIRO.

The above match took place at Stonecutters on the 8th inst.

Name.	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	Total
Mr. Raw	22	11	15	48
Mr. Parish	27	25	19	71
Mr. Nash	28	25	19	72
Mr. Broadrick	14	21	23	58
Mr. Newton	27	28	23	78
Mr. Kirk	25	28	23	76
Mr. Linden	19	18	26	63
Mr. Pitcher	30	25	25	80
Total	546			

Name.	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	Total
Mr. Sturgess	25	23	11	59
Mr. Charles	25	25	22	72
Mr. Bowden	22	33	20	75
Mr. Burnett	22	23	16	61
Mr. Starrer	29	31	14	74
Mr. Houghton	28	20	19	67
Mr. Talbot	20	24	20	64
Mr. Sonnen	25	29	29	83
Total	570			

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H.M.S. Ambrose 2 R.G.A. ... 1
H.M.S. Titania 1 Kowloon ... 0
H.M.S. Tamar 1 H.M.S. Cairo 0
H.K. Club Res. 2 Kowloon Res. 1
University ... 6 Punjabia ... 1
R. G. A. Res. 0 S.C. "A" ... 0
St. Joseph's ... 4 S.C. "B" ... 0
Wilt. Res. ... 3 United A. C. 1

CLUB v. WILT.

The Club advanced yet another step in the league when they defeated the 2-Wiltshires at Sookunpoo on Saturday last and are now second to the Tamar and with only one point separating them. The Club opened with confidence and the Wilt. were ready defending and Tamar saved well from McTavish and Forsyth. After a visit to the Club goal the Club came down to the Wilt. goal and Tamar saved well from Kuhn. Returning a moment later the same player sent in a hard shot which Tamar only partly cleared, the ball spinning in the air and dropping on the goal line shot out again. The game was well contested and a shade in favour of the Club. Offside play against Menham close in prevented the Wilt. from scoring early in the game. J. Rodger clearing and sending McTavish away the latter dropping in front of goal and Tamar clearing. Forsyth handled and from the free kick Amor went away on the wing but Gerrard tackled and cleared. J. Rodger conceded a corner on the next visit by the Wilt. and Warren placed behind. Trivett sent in a shot from over the half-way line and J. Rodger headed clear. Edwards returned and sent the ball in front of goal but no one being up on the soldiers' left the ball rolled over the line. Moore stopped a rush by Begg and Forsyth and passed forward to Swanborough who went in and shot wide. The only goal of the match was scored after twenty-five minutes' play and was the result of good work by the forward line. Begg received in midfield from a goal kick and sent out a long pass to MacTavish who returned well forward and Begg taking the ball on the run was tackled by Moore but the ball had gone to Kuhn who ran through and gave Turner no chance from close range. The Wilt. attacked with vigour but the Club defence was sound and Gerrard cleared but the soldiers were back again and Menham was fouled by Rodger. From the free kick, Edwards had a chance to level up but shot wide with only the goalie to beat. Kuhn at the other end sent in a ground shot that just missed. Edward receiving from the kick out sent forward for "Warren who failed to gather the pass and the ball went to touch. The game continued fast and the exchanges even. Half-time the score was one to nil in favour of the Club.

Resuming, Rodger was forced out to clear from Warren and Amor receiving from the clearance sent too far forward and Gerrard returned to midfield where Stewart handled. The Wilt. forced a corner and J. Rodger headed clear from the flag kick and Raiton sent McTavish away who went down and centred. Turner clearing with Kuhn close in. The club inside men worked the ball down and Begg was almost through when he stumbled and lost a good chance of increasing the Club's lead. Free kicks for hands against Trivett and for Mair fouling Swanborough gave a little breathing space in a fast game. Begg from close range skied over the bar and a moment later Forsyth received in front of goal but instead of taking a first-time, dallied with the ball and Sawyer shot wide from 20 yards' range.

Moore sent in a long dropping shot which Gerrard cleared by kicking to touch and Sawyer receiving from the throw in shot wide. Begg and Kuhn worked the ball down but the former running round Trivett was pulled up for offside, a moment later Turner picked up a shot from England with Begg close in.

For a few minutes play went in favour of the Wilt. who had hard luck, Gerrard kicked behind in clearing a shot from Amor and from the corner kick the ball was dropped just in front of goal and G. Rodger punched away but the ball dropped to the foot of Sawyer ten yards out who returned sharply and the goalie again cleared. The ball kept dangerously near the club goal until England brought it clear amidst the appeals for hands from the Wilt. The club paid a flying visit to the other end and Forsyth headed a pass from McTavish

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into Turner's hands. The Wilt. returned to the attack and the club's defence were hard pressed but time came to their assistance and the match ended in their favour by the only goal scored.

TAMAR v. CAIRO.
One of the best games seen in League football this season was played on the Navy 'A' ground between the Tamar and Cairo and was witnessed by a large number of blue-jackets.

The game ended in a win for the Tamar by the only goal of the match and on the run of the play the Cairo were unlucky to lose. The game opened even and after five minutes play Atkey sent in a high shot that Eve misjudged and allowed the ball to pass through his hands into the net. The Cairo took up the attack but Mitch was safe in goal and cleared well from Stevenson and Uppington. Hudson played a sound game and kept the Cairo's inside men from settling down. At half time the Tamar were leading by a goal to nil.

Resuming, the Cairo got away and Stevenson sent in a hard drive from close range. Mitch bringing off a marvellous save. Hudson sent forward to Millington who trapped the ball, but was late in getting away, and Binnett cleared. Uppington got away on the right, swinging the ball over to the left where Hindley running in sent a lightning drive a little too high with Mitch beaten. The Cairo forced a corner and Hindley placing well from the corner, Smith was slow to turn the ball into the net and Hudson cleared.

Millington made the game very open by swinging the ball about, but the defence held out and a fast and well contested game ended in a win for the Tamar by one goal to nil.

TITANIA v. KOWLOON.
Playing on the South China ground these teams played a well contested game, the result being a win for the sailors by one goal to nil. Kowloon were unlucky to lose for they had most of the game. Townsend was limping badly after five minutes' play, feeling the effect of an old injury. Before the interval Goodlet scored for the sailors. The sailors were awarded a penalty early in the second half through Coupland losing himself and punching the ball down close in. Hayward, who was mak-

ing his first appearance for Kowloon first eleven, brought off a good save from the spot kick amidst applause from the ropes. No further scoring took place and the sailors won as stated above. Wheeler was back in his old place for the first time this season.

AMBROSE v. R.G.A.
Played on the Kowloon ground and ended in a win for the sailors who not only scored their first win in the league this season but had the honour of scoring more goals this week than any other team in the Senior League. The teams were not fully represented. Sparks opened the score, for a misunderstanding between the R.G.A. backs let him in and Phillips had no chance to stop his shot.

The R.G.A. forwards did good work in the open but failed in front of goal.

Before the interval Savage put the sailors further ahead by a lightning drive that struck the underside of the bar and went into the net, giving Phillips no chance.

After the interval the soldiers scored their only goal as the result of a brilliant effort by Couzens, who receiving in midfield beat all opposition and landed safely into the net. The R.G.A. tried hard to level up but time was against them and they had to retire defeated by two goals to one.

JUNIOR DIVISION.
In the Junior Division, the Club Reserves beat Kowloon Reserves by two goals to one. The first goal for the Club followed a scramble in the goalmouth while Goldenberry scored the second. Pascoe scored for Kowloon. Wilt. Reserves proved too strong for the United at Sookunpoo and won by 3 goals to one. Hardy, Coo, and Beck scored for the winners and Valentine for the United.

University beat Punjabia by six goals to one on the Club ground. Samy (4) and T.L. Cheah (2) scored for the winners while Toes got one for the Punjabia. St. Joseph's beat South China "B" by 4 goals to nil. Ogley (2) and Emmett from a penalty scored for St. Joseph's, who were assisted by the Chinese putting through his own goal. R.G.A. played South China "A" to a goalless draw on the Navy "B" ground.

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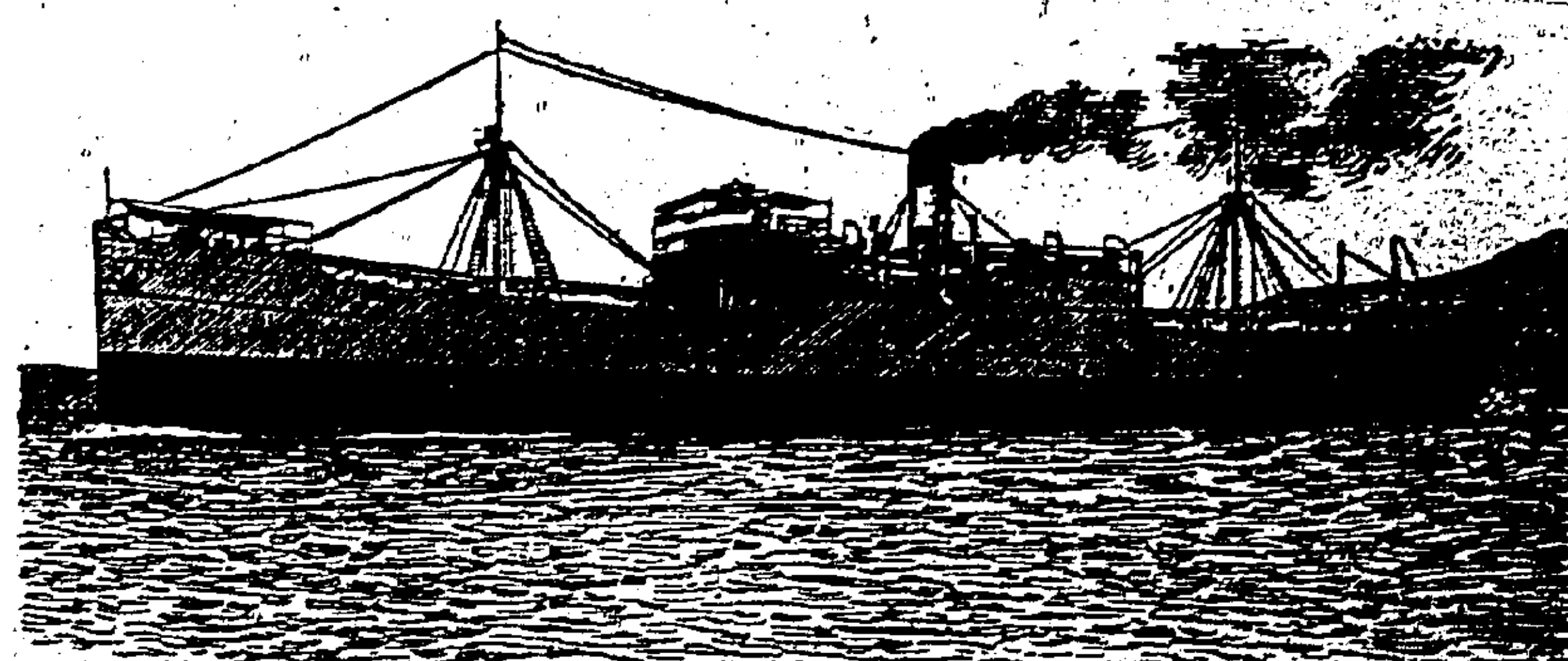
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COAL TRANSPORT CHARGES.

At a meeting of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, a member referred to the decision of the Advisory Rates Committee whereby coal, coke and patent fuel will be classified as one class both for home consumption and for shipment abroad. The standard would be fixed, and after that exceptional cases would be subject to bargaining. The coal trade as a body had taken the matter up, and he suggested that the Chamber of Commerce should also take action in the matter. Coal prices were falling, and yet prices were still far below the costs of production. At the present time coalowners were paying three to four times what they were paying in pre-war times, and as everything else was coming down railway rates should too. It was a very serious matter, too, to all works in the district as well as to the coal trade and was undoubtedly a matter for the Chamber of Commerce to take up.

SIGNS OF BETTER TRADE.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, President of the Board of Trade, speaking at Liverpool, said: "So far as could be seen in the Board of Trade there were more indications of improvement in trade than there were indications to the contrary. They were advised that in the United States, it was considered that the corner had been turned. In India they were told the bottom had been reached. There was an excellent monsoon, which generally meant that the purchasing power of the country would improve in the ensuing season. There were signs of a revival in Japan, which was the first country to feel the slump. Advances from the Trade Commissioners in the Dominions and South America were to the effect that the feeling was more hopeful. One thing in which this country had shown wisdom was in bringing its expenditure within the revenue, making at the same time provision for the necessary sinking fund and redemption of debt. Unless they pursued the straight and narrow path of financial rectitude, it would mean death for this country, and disaster for the countries on the Continent."

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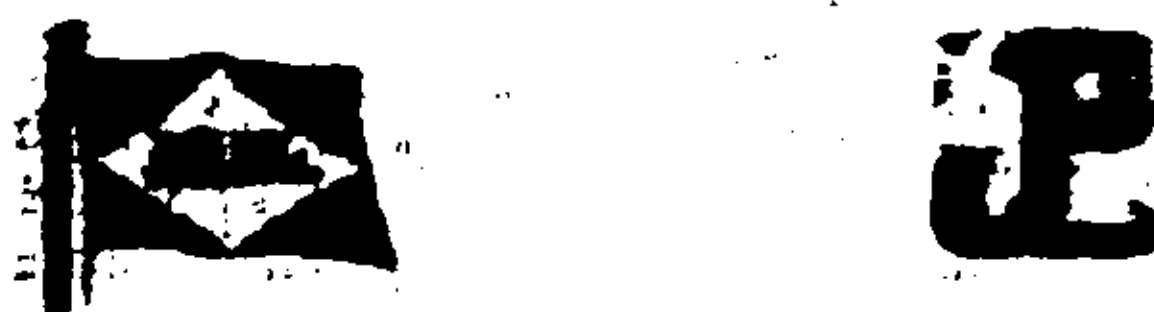
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Anjer	Java	in port	—	—
Tjitaroem	Java	in port	9th Jan.	Amoy/S'hai
Gorontalo	Java	7th Jan.	12th Jan.	Japan
Tjipanas	Java	13th Jan.	19th Jan.	Saigon
Tjiluwong	Japan	18th Jan.	20th Jan.	S. via M'sar
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City of Boston	20th Jan.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
City of Manchester	17th Feb.	M'les, London, R'dam & H'burg
City of Tokyo	24th Feb.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SERVICE

City	Steamer	Sailing
City of Manchester	9th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
City of Manchester	17th Feb.	M'les, Lond., R'dam, & H'burg
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City of Calcutta	10th May	—

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Vessel	Leaves Hongkong	Discharges.
M.V. "GLENADE"	22nd January.	—
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"GLENTARA"	15th February.	—

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong	Discharges.
M.V. "GLENNAVY"	28th Jan. GENOA, L'DON, R'DAM & H'BURG.	—
"GLENLUCE"	8th Feb. L'DON, R'DAM, W'ERF & H'BURG.	—
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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SHANGHAI via Swatow Koonshing	Tues. 10th Jan. at d'light.	
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Loksang	Wed. 11th Jan. at 10 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta Chaksang	Wed. 11th Jan. at 3 p.m.	
TTAU via S'ow & S'hai Yusang	Thur. 12th Jan. at d'light.	
MANILA Yuensang	Fri. 13th Jan. at 3 p.m.	
YOKOHAMA & Kobe Kwaishang	Tues. 17th Jan. at 10 a.m.	
SANDAKAN Maushang	Wed. 18th Jan. at noon.	

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For	Steamers	To Sail
PAKHAI & HAIPHONG	Kaifong	10th Jan. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Suiyang	10th Jan. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	12th Jan. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Soochow	14th Jan. at 4 p.m.
STOW, SHAI & PUKOW	Linan	15th Jan. at 10 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

LOSS OF THE ROWAN.

A formal investigation has been ordered into the circumstances attending the loss of the steamship Rowan, of Glasgow, after collision with the steamship West Canak and steamship Qian Malcolmi off Corsewall Point on or about October 9.

AMERICAN CHAMBER AT MANILA FAVOURS JONES LAW.

The board of directors of the American chamber of commerce, at Manila, acting in response to a request from the Governor General for information as to stand of that organization upon the question of extension of the United States coastwise law's provisions to the island in February, has passed a resolution stating that it supports the extension. The board, for information, has also passed a resolution adopted by several American merchants a year ago, protesting against the extension, was construed to have come from the chamber, and the Governor's office desired information as to whether this stand was still maintained. The Governor is now being informed that the original resolution did not originate in the chamber and that the directors of that organization support the proposed extension.

N. Y. K. TRADE.

The *Mainichi* reviews the recent working of the N. Y. K. shipping lines. The advance in silver quotations in Shanghai, it says, has depressed exports from Shanghai, Hongkong, and Singapore to Europe, this depression reaching its climax in July and August, and the general situation is depressed though shipments of silks and straw-brades from Japan are somewhat reassuring. The home-run has only iron from London and chemicals from West Europe to carry, the state of affairs in the Continent being depressed on the whole. The Seattle line enjoys some shipments of rice and rattan ware from Hongkong, rice from Manila, and tea and raw silk from Shanghai, but Japan has little to export. Unlike the unfavourable outward run, the homeward run is in a very good condition, every steamer being fully loaded with iron, wheat, and sundries. The incursion of ships from outside the Conference has brought down freight rates, however, timber declining to \$13 per ton, and iron ware to \$5. On the outward Australian line affairs are in a bad way, and ships manage to fill their holds with shipments only to between-ports (mostly British ports, it may be noted,) though Japan exports small quantities of silk and drygoods for Christmas needs in October. On the other hand, there has been a satisfactory development of the homeward run since July, wool, miscellaneous goods, animal fat, and wheat being obtained in good volume. Present conditions are expected to be maintained for a month or two to come. The New York line is enjoying good exports of straw-brades especially from North China in addition to rice from the same country, this phenomenon being observable also in Shanghai and Kobe. Few drygoods are going to South America from Japan. At one time rice was exported from Hongkong to South Africa, but is no longer active. From the Argentine to Japan, shipments have decreased of late, but coffee is being exported from Rio de Janeiro to South Africa and wool from South Africa to Japan in proper amount, it being now the season for movement of these goods. Up to the middle of October, there were some exports for the Calcutta line through favourable exchange connections, but the later disadvantageous course of exchange has made things difficult. Moreover, as the O.S.K. is challenging competition, freight rates have fallen off greatly. The homeward voyage, however, is generally flourishing. For the export of beans from Rangoon, many inquiries have come to Japan. Raw cotton has been shipped in good quantity since December, but receipts are limited owing to the decline in freight. There is some depression in Japanese exports to Bombay. With regard to the import of raw cotton, the renewal of the agreement between the shipping companies and the Spinning Association brought expectations of a decline in freight and stopped shipments at one time, but since the renewal was completed, large quantities have appeared, so that hopes on the homeward voyage are filled up to their utmost capacity.

